

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

SURFACE MANAGEMENT PERSONAL BOND

Act of May 10, 1872, as amended (30 U.S.C. 22-54)
Act of October 21, 1976, as amended (43 U.S.C. 1732-35, 1782)
Act of September 13, 1982 (31 U.S.C. 9301 et seq.)
Act of September 27, 1988 (102 Stat. 1776)
Act of April 16, 1993 (43 U.S.C. 299)

FORM APPROVED
OMB NO. 1004-0194
Expires: November 30, 2003

Plan of Operations/Notice _____ Statewide _____ Nationwide _____
(Name of State, if applicable) ("Yes" - if applicable)

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, THAT _____
(name)

of _____
(address)

as principal; is held firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of _____

_____ dollars (\$ _____).

lawful money of the United States, which may be increased or decreased by a rider hereto executed in the same manner as this bond.

The principal, pursuant to the authority conferred by Section 1 of the Act of September 13, 1982 (31 U.S.C. 9303), does hereby constitute and appoint the Secretary of the Interior to act as his attorney-in-fact for the purpose of negotiating the cash, letters of credit, savings accounts, certificates of deposit, or securities. The interest accruing on the United States securities, cash, or other instruments given above, in the absence of any default in the performance of any of the conditions, or stipulations set forth in this bond, the plan of operations/notice, must be paid to the principal. The principal hereby, for any heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assignees, jointly and severally, ratifies and confirms whatever the Secretary will do by virtue of these presents.

The Secretary will transfer this deposit for the faithful performance of any and all of the conditions and stipulations as set forth in this bond, the plan of operations/notice cited above, and the regulations at 43 CFR Subpart 3809 and Subpart 3802. In the case of any default in the performance of the conditions and stipulations of such undertaking, it is agreed that the Secretary will have full power to assign, appropriate, apply, or transfer the deposit, or any portion thereof, to the satisfaction of any damages, reclamation, assessments, penalties, or deficiencies arising by reason of such default.

BOND CONDITIONS

1. WHEREAS the principal has an interest in a mining claim(s), millsite(s), or tunnel site(s) and/or responsibility for operations and/or reclamation on the mining claim(s), millsite(s), tunnel site(s) or public lands under the Acts cited in the bond; and
2. WHEREAS the principal has filed an acceptable notice with the United States Department of the Interior and/or received approval from the United States Department of the Interior of the plan of operations cited above and said plan of operations/notice contains certain stipulations and conditions; and
3. WHEREAS the principal hereby waives any right to notice of, and agrees that this bond will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding:
 - a. Any transfer(s) in whole or in part, of any or all of the land covered by the plan of operations/notice further agrees to remain bound under this bond as to the interests in the plan of operations/notice retained by the principal; and
 - b. Any modification of the plan of operations/notice or obligations thereunder; and
4. WHEREAS the principal hereby agrees that notwithstanding the cancellation or relinquishment of any mining claim(s), millsite(s), or tunnelsite(s) covered by this plan of operations/notice, whether by operation of law or otherwise, the bond will remain in full force and effect as to the terms and conditions of the plan of operations/notice, and obligations covered by this bond; and
5. WHEREAS the principal agrees that in the event of any default under the plan of operations/notice and/or reclamation plan the bond may be forfeited and, the United States, through the Bureau of Land Management, may commence and prosecute any claim, suit, or other proceeding against the principal without the necessity of joining the owner(s) of the mining claim(s), millsite(s), or tunnelsite(s) covered by the plan of operations/notice; and
6. WHEREAS if the principal fails to comply with the provisions of 43 CFR 3809.595, the principal will also be subject to the applicable provisions and penalties of Sections 303 and 305 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, *as amended* (43 U.S.C. 1733 and 1735). This provision will not be construed to prevent the exercise by the United States of any other legal and equitable remedy, including waiver of the default; and

Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and Title 43 U.S.C. Section 1212 make it a crime for any person knowingly and willfully to make to any department or agency of the United States any false fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations as to any matter within its jurisdiction.

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BOND CONDITIONS (Continued)

7. WHEREAS, on the faith of the foregoing promises, representations, and appointments, and in consideration of this bond, the United States has accepted the plan of operations/notice referenced herein.
8. NOW, THEREFORE, the condition of this obligation is such that if said principal(s), heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assignees will, in all respects, faithfully comply with all of the provisions of the plan of operations/notice referenced herein, any amendments thereto, and the rules and regulations contained in 43 CFR Subpart 3809 or Subpart 3802, as applicable, then this obligation will be null and void; otherwise it will remain in full force and effect.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____ :

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

By _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day

Title _____

of _____, 20____.

Business Address _____

(Notary Public)

(Date Commission Expires)

(Principal EIN or SSN No.)

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If this bond is signed by a corporation, it must bear the seal of the corporation

The Privacy Act of 1974 and the regulation in 43 CFR 2.48(d) provide that you be furnished the following information in connection with information required by this application.

AUTHORITY: 30 U.S.C. 22 et seq.; 43 U.S.C. 1732[b] and 1782[c]; 31 U.S.C. 9301 et seq.; 43 CFR 3802 and 3809.

PRINCIPAL PURPOSE: Information is being used to establish financial responsibility for surface disturbance on public lands.

ROUTINE USES: BLM will only disclose the information according to the regulations at 43 CFR 2.56 (d).

EFFECT OF NOT PROVIDING INFORMATION: Disclosure of the information is necessary to receive a benefit. Failure to disclose this information may result in BLM's rejection of your application.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires us to inform you that:

BLM collects this information to grant the right to conduct exploration and mining activities on public lands.

Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit.

BLM would like you to know that you do not have to respond to this or any other Federal agency-sponsored information collection unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

BURDEN HOURS STATEMENT

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 8 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this form to U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (1004-0194), Bureau Information Collection Clearance Officer (WO-630), 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20240.